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Parents launch charity in memory of Blossom

Scarecrow 'invasion' at village school

Alisha Sumner and Kelly Hunt will be bidding for international gymnastics success in the USA next week

Young gymnasts aim to hit the jackpot in international event

TWO talented youngsters from Skelmersdale will be looking to hit the jackpot in the casino capital of the USA next week.

But 15-year-old Kelly Hunt and 12-year-old Alisha Sumner, are too young to be chancing their luck on Reno's famous roulette tables. Instead they will be bidding for glory in an international gymnastics competition.

The pair, both members of the Flic Flac Gymnastics Club in Charnock Richard, are currently training 12 hours each week in preparation for the International Association of Independent Gymnastic Clubs (IAIGC) championships to be held in the Nevada city from Saturday, June 24 to Thursday, June 29.

They will fly out to the USA, along with two other club members, on Thursday, June 22.

The championships, which alternate between Reno and Orlando in Florida, are run by the IAIGC in collaboration with the United States Association of Independent Gymnastic Clubs and feature competitors from eight countries - Bermuda, Canada, India, Mexico, Romania, South Africa, United Kingdom and the USA.

This year's event is being staged at the massive Peppermill Resort, Spa and Casino which has more than 1,600 hotel rooms, and 107,000 sq. ft. of convention space.

Kelly's mum, Ann, said: "Kelly and Alisha are both entering at bronze level and also specialising in silver for floor.

"They will compete a floor routine at bronze level, then a new floor routine at silver level.

"If they do well and finish in the top 10% then they will compete in the championships final at the end of the week."

As concerned residents contact MP in the wake of London tower block blaze tragedy...

COUNCIL MOVES TO REASSURE TENANTS

IN the wake of the Grenfell Tower fire tragedy in London, West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has sought assurances from the borough council about the safety of residents living in properties owned by the authority.

But the council has said it is writing to all tenants to assure them all its properties meet the required building standards.

Ms Cooper says she was contacted by several constituents in the days following the blaze - which to date has left 79 people dead or missing - raising concerns.

Their fears were prompted by reports that cladding around the London tower block might have contributed to the rapid spread of the blaze, as their properties also have cladding.

However, the council have moved to allay their fears by confirming that the cladding is NOT the same as that on Grenfell Tower.

Ms Cooper contacted West Lancs Council's director of housing and inclusion, Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey to raise residents' concerns and seek assurances over the safety of properties in the borough.

The MP said: "In reaction to the events at Grenfell Tower, residents on the Fawcett and Fairburn estates in Skelmersdale contacted me as they were worried about the safety of their cladded properties.

Report by **Henry James**

"Having spoken directly to the council's housing director she has assured me the low-rise nature of the properties and the nature of the cladding are key differences with Grenfell Tower and I welcome Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey's commitment to make contact with residents to address any concerns.

"What happened at Grenfell Tower is an absolute tragedy. My thoughts and prayers are with all those affected. People have lost everything and, most tragically, some lost their lives.

"I would also like to add my sincere thanks to our emergency services who continue to risk their lives on a daily basis to save ours. Their work, wherever it is in the country, is vital and it is essential we recognise their service."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council commented: "The council was deeply shocked and saddened to hear of the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower in London. Our thoughts are with all those involved, and their families and friends at this very sad time.

"While the council does not own any high-rise flats it recognises that the events in London may be causing its tenants some concern.

"The council is writing to all its tenants to reassure them that none of our properties have the type of cladding used at the Grenfell Tower and all our properties meet required building standards.

"The safety of our tenants is of paramount concern to the council."

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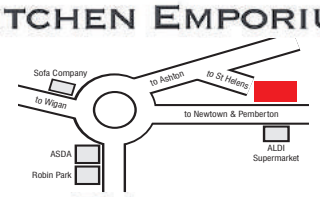

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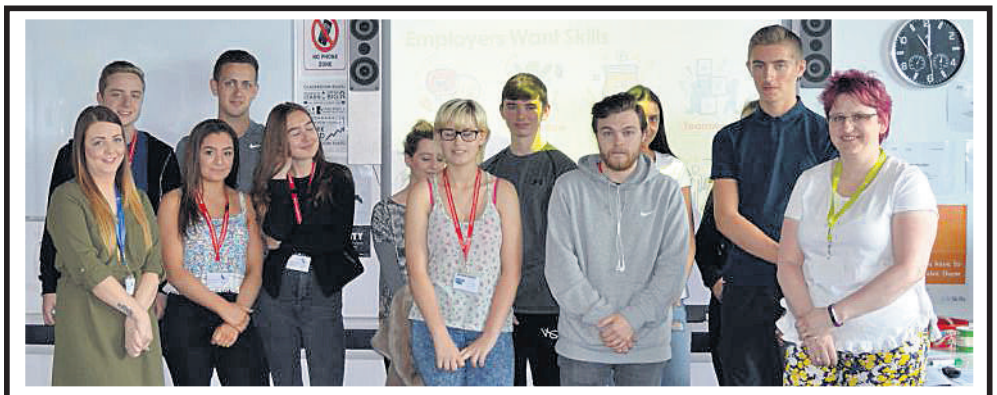

West Lancashire College business students at the 'employability 'masterclass'

Business students get 'lessons for life'

BUSINESS students at West Lancashire College took part in an 'employability masterclass' aimed at kick-starting their careers.

Students on the college's BTEC Business Level 3 course attended the session at the Skelmersdale campus with Sarah Tinsley from Young Enterprise.

They they found out about a range of skills and techniques aimed at preparing them for the world of work.

These included tips on the personal qualities employers value in today's competitive job market and how to evidence these skills when applying for jobs or attending interviews.

Police chief's action fund hands out £80,000 to community projects

LANCASHIRE police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw has awarded £80,000 to groups and organisations in a bid to cut crime and support victims across the county.

A total of 41 groups and organisations, including West Lancashire Skategroup Park, were awarded grants of up to £2,500 for a range of projects from the commissioner's Community Action Fund (CAF).

These were distributed to specific groups across the county to help enhance their areas in a bid to cut crime, reduce re-offending and support victims.

In total £80,511.09 was allocated within the last financial year, a significant increase on the 2016 total of just under £70,000.

Mr Grunshaw said: "The aim of the CAF is to help residents and volunteers deliver projects to enhance their local area, make it safer and help achieve my key priorities within the police and crime plan.

"Local people have great ideas about what can help in their areas which is why this action fund works so well. I am really looking forward to continuing to allocate money through this scheme towards future initiatives."

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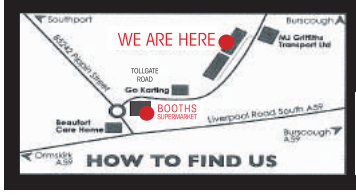

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Kris and Vicky Kelly (centre) with Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey, and trustees of Blossom's Legacy at last Friday's launch at St Francis of Assisi RC Primary School.

Holiday tragedy inspires parents to launch charity in memory of Blossom

Report by **Henry James**

THE parents of a four-year-old girl from Skelmersdale who died in a tragic holiday accident have launched a charity aimed at preventing other youngsters losing their lives in similar circumstances.

Blossom Iris Kelly drowned in a hotel swimming pool during a family holiday in Spain last August.

After being pulled from the pool, the youngster was airlifted to hospital in Barcelona but despite the best efforts of doctors there her mother, Vicky had to make the agonising decision to switch off her life support.

Blossom had been unable to swim despite attending weekly lessons at a local swimming pool.

And following their loss, Vicky and dad Kris came up with the idea of the charity, named Blossom's Legacy, with the aim of ensuring other parents didn't suffer the same heartache as them.

The charity was officially launched on Friday, June 16 at St Francis of Assisi RC Primary School in Blakehall, where Blossom was a pupil.

Blossom Iris Kelly

Kris said: "Launching this charity has been really important to us and has helped us to come to terms with what has happened. We have also been able to do something in Blossom's name. The feedback we have had so far from the charity has been very positive."

On the charity's JustGiving website he added: "Following the tragic events we are surprised to see how common accidental drowning is in the UK.

"Blossom's story inspired an outpouring of support. We are hoping to raise funds to provide interventions such as creating safer environments, providing swimming lessons, water safety education and CPR. Blossom's story will hopefully prevent this happening to anyone else."

As part of the charity a trial swimming programme is being launched at St Francis of Assisi with West Lancashire School Sports Partnership.

Blossom's former classmates will learn how to float on their back and shout for help if they accidentally fall into water. It is hoped other schools in West Lancashire will take up the programme.

Four CPR training sessions are also being held from June 26/27 for parents.

Credit cards with water safety tips are also being introduced. These will have emergency contact numbers on and advice on CPR. It is hoped that every child in West Lancs will be issued with one.

The launch was attended by various speakers including teachers explaining what the lessons will be like and also a First Aid trainer.

Parents were also invited to see the programme and how it will help them.

Council moves to allay tenants' safety fears following London tower block fire tragedy

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According to Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service there are 18 premises in the county's central/southern area, which includes West Lancashire, listed as high-rise (six floors and above). This includes three halls of residence in the borough.

All have had a fire safety audit between 2010 and 2017. However, the service has begun an immediate review of high-rise accommodation fire safety provision regardless of how recently properties were last audited.

SCA's base in Skelmersdale

SCA Group initiates re-branding process ahead of creation of two independent companies

SCA paper mill located on Pimbo Road in Skelmersdale has begun the process of changing its name and branding after the official listing of the company's new name, Essity.

The listing of Essity follows the decision to split the SCA Group into two independent listed companies - the forest products company, SCA, and the leading global hygiene and health company, Essity.

Essity will become the new name of the parent company to brands including Tena, Bodyform, Velvet, Cushelle, Plenty and Tork, whose products will continue to be partly supplied by the Skelmersdale mill.

The Skelmersdale mill was acquired by SCA in 1999 and currently employs more than 300 workers in the region.

It converts paper from other sites and produces professional products under the private label and Tork brands for major UK customers. It also manufactures Velvet and consumer 'own brand' tissue products for major retailers.

A second premises, Tawd mill on Paddock Road, Skelmersdale, which will produce through-air-dried (TAD) tissue paper, is due to be operational by the end of this year.

This work will be integral to Essity's mission to sustainably develop, produce, market and sell value-added products within the territories of hygiene and health.

Stefan Montarius, manager at the Skelmersdale mill, said: "Skelmersdale mill will continue to have a vital role to play in producing some of the UK's leading hygiene products under the new name of Essity.

"The re-branding will be a great way to strengthen our focus on producing essential products that we know improve the health and well-being of people over the UK."

Commitment

The re-branding process was initiated on Thursday, June 15 and changes to the mill have begun. This will see SCA branding phased out and replaced with new Essity branding over the next two years.

Stefan added: "Though our name and logo will change, it is very much still business as usual. Along with a continued commitment to local employment with the opening of our new Tawd site, we will still be engaging with the local community via our charity committee, which we use to support charities and good causes throughout the region."

OAP accuses council of ignoring tree safety

A PENSIONER has accused West Lancs Council of putting people's safety at risk by failing to properly maintain trees in the town.

Brian Carr made the claim after a tree blew down onto playing fields near his home in School Lane, Skelmersdale.

Mr Carr, 81, says he had been asking the council for months to trim the trees on the corner of School Lane and Kiln Lane as they were not safe. Then strong winds overnight earlier this month caused one to fall into neighbouring playing fields.

Mr Carr said: "I had asked the council for months to take 30 feet off the trees on the corner of School Lane and Kiln Lane as it was obvious that they were not safe.

"Then we had these strong winds which ripped a big branch off one and blew another one - about 60 feet in height - over completely and into playing fields. If it had come down during the daytime someone could have been killed.

"Now I reckon it will be cost the council a lot of money to move that tree with a low-loader - it's a big job."

A spokesman for the council responded: "The council takes matters of safety very seriously and inspected this poplar on Kiln Lane when Mr Carr contacted us about it. The tree was found to be safe and no pruning works were considered necessary at the time. Staff could not foresee that the tree would be blown down by strong winds.

"Following the high winds overnight on June 5, the council had to deal with a number of fallen trees. Staff had to prioritise which ones needed dealing with first. Works are underway to remove the tree from the open space on Kiln Lane."

Brian Carr with the tree which came down near his home

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Edge Hill to launch UK's first doctorate for emergency services management

Report by **Henry James**

EDGE Hill University is launching a new doctorate in response to dramatic changes in the police, fire and ambulance services.

Following the introduction of the Police and Crime Bill in February forcing the blue light services to collaborate, the university Edge Hill has launched the UK's first Professional Doctorate in Emergency Services Management.

Open to senior staff already working in the sector, the research-based doctorate will allow them to explore the issues and challenges related to the three services working together.

The part-time course will focus on the professionalism of the emergency services, teaching leadership, management and business skills by bringing together academics, policy makers and fellow practitioners.

Created with the backing of senior managers from the police, fire and ambulance services, the doctorate includes a research thesis allowing the student to study a particular issue or challenge they face at work and hopefully find solutions.

Professor Woodruffe-Burton

Course leader, Paresh Wankhade, professor of leadership and management at Edge Hill, said: "This new and innovative programme of research will help candidates to develop professional management practice while gaining an appreciation and understanding of the relationship between management research and the professional practice of management."

The programme will be officially launched at an event on Thursday, July 13 with key note speakers set to include Roy Wilshire, chair of the National Fire Chiefs Council, Dr Anthony Marsh, chair of the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives and Steve McGurk, trustee of the Fire Service Research & Training Trust.

Unique

Professor Helen Woodruffe-Burton, director of Edge Hill Business School, added: "We are delighted to launch this unique programme which addresses the research needs of the emergency services.

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‘Invasion’ of scarecrows at village school

THERE’S a new ‘intake’ with a difference at Crawford Village Primary School!

A group of scarecrows have appeared at the school in Crawford Road, Up Holland in time for their annual summer fayre on Saturday, June 24.

The event runs from noon to 3pm and all are invited to go along and join in the fun.

As part of this year’s fayre it was decided to host a scarecrow festival and the idea has been embraced by the whole village with minions, school teachers, superheroes and numerous book characters appearing in some very strange locations - much to the delight of the excited pupils!

Pupils with two of their new ‘classmates’!

This scenario from The Three Little Pigs is part of the Crawford Village Scarecrow Festival

Couple’s new fuschia is helping fight against rare cancer

Report by **Henry James**

A NEW hybrid fuchsia produced by a Bickerstaffe couple is helping to raise funds to help fight a rare form of cancer.

Ian Strawson, a retired painter and decorator and national committee member of the British Fuchsia Society, developed the new hybrid with his partner, Bonita Hesketh.

The 73-year-old decided to produce the plant after being diagnosed with leiomyosarcoma, a soft tissue sarcoma in 2015. Sarcoma is a cancer of the bone and soft tissue and Mr Strawson wanted to raise the profile of the condition.

The plant was launched at the Chelsea Flower Show and named Sarcoma UK, after the cancer charity. All proceeds from sales of the plant will be donated to the charity.

Ian said: “In spring 2015 I found a small lump at the back of my left thigh, which started to ache and grow. I went to my GP, who thought it was a cyst but sent me for scans and I was referred to the Royal Liverpool Hospital.

The couple launch the Sarcoma UK at the Chelsea Flower Show

“The diagnosis was leiomyosarcoma - a soft tissue sarcoma. I had an operation nine days later and have made a good recovery and I am clear at the moment.

“I have been very lucky, with a good GP who sent me for tests. If I hadn’t been diagnosed so early, I might have lost my leg.

“My reason for releasing this fuchsia is to raise public and medical awareness of this type of cancer. I am very passionate about what I am doing for sarcoma awareness and with people’s help, hopefully we can save more lives.”

The flower is a cross between a water nymph and a Crosby Soroptimist and it has a blush-pink tube and sepals.

Mr Strawson has already made £2,000 for the charity through sales of Sarcoma UK and he hopes to display it at Southport Flower Show later this year.

Every day 10 people in the UK are diagnosed with sarcoma, even though it is particularly difficult to diagnose. Symptoms start with a lump that increases in size quickly. Chances of survival can be increased by 20% if it is spotted at an early stage before it has had a chance to grow.

Veterans group raise £1,400-plus with collection at supermarket

MEMBERS of Skelmersdale Veterans’ Association (SVA) raised more than £1,400 at a collection held at ASDA in the town over weekend of June 3/4.

The association has been overwhelmed by support from residents for their appeal for military items with donations including uniforms from all three services, helmets, boots, books, and posters.

During their ASDA collection they also had a helping hand from two of Skelmersdale’s PCSOs who dropped in during their lunch hour to offer support.

Alan Lewis from SVA said: “The association members were made up with the young people who interacted with them and engaged with the items on show at the collection, such as uniforms, and helmet.”

Thanks

The association has also been busy recently with a Fun Day at the Hare & Hounds pub and a visit to St Francis of Assisi Primary School to watch a show from the Trench Brothers who brought the First World War to life.

Members of the group also visited an Open Day at Aaron Crest Care Home in Tanhouse where they interacted with residents, talking about ‘the old days’ over a cup of tea.

Meanwhile they are keen to hear from anybody who would like to run a stall at their Armed Forces Weekend scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23.

Alan Lewis added: “We would like to say a big thank-you to ASDA Skelmersdale, St Francis of Assisi school and all the young people.

“We would also like to offer our thanks to those who gave to the association for our forthcoming event in July.”

Community comes together at care home’s open day celebrations

STAFF and residents of Aaron Crest Care Home, in Tanhouse Road, Skelmersdale celebrated National Care Home Open Day on Friday (June 16) with a range of activities aimed at bringing communities together.

Among the visitors on the day were pupils from neighbouring Delph Side Community Primary School, local community police officers, church ministers, local forces veterans, councillors, the deputy mayor and mayoress, Councillors Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert, and representatives from the Helping Hands charity.

Aaron Crest Care Home events co-ordinator Alison (centre) along with West Lancs deputy mayor and mayoress, Cllr. Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert, residents and pupils from Delph Side Primary school at the event to celebrate National Care Home open day.

The event also commemorated the anniversary of the murder of MP Jo Cox and money was raised for the Alzheimer’s Society with a cup cake sale.

Alison Moore, activities co-ordinator at the home, said: “We wanted to show that our doors are always open.

“Residents loved it and it was a fantastic day. We were also pleased to meet the new community police officers.

“We are now in the process of organising a Summer Fair.”

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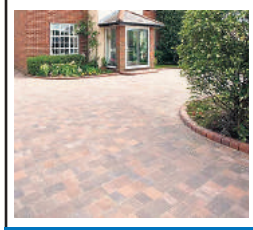

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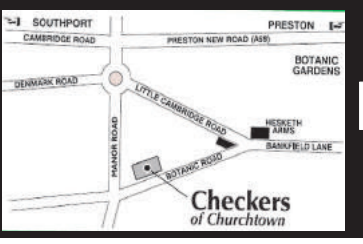

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Some of the pupils involved in the Big Brekkie

School serves up a breakfast fundraiser for Christian Aid

Report by **Henry James**

STAFF and pupils at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College in Skelmersdale hosted a fundraising breakfast to support Christian Aid Week.

The 'Big Brekkie' event, part of a national campaign, was organised by religious education teacher, Zoe Fox and her form group who presented assemblies to the school throughout the week about Christian Aid and the charity's aim to raise awareness of the plight of refugees internationally.

Miss Fox explained: "Christian Aid works tirelessly to promote the dignity and worth of every human being, regardless of their background or situation.

"Our form presented to the whole school community and told of the struggles that refugees face every day in order to be safe. We reflected on our gospel values and the parable of the sheep and the goats which encourages us to help one another.

"We decided to support Christian Aid Week by hosting a 'Big Brekkie' event before school and at break time to raise money to help refugees. We sold breakfast items and a small amount of doughnuts and cakes to all year groups.

"Both learners and staff were visibly moved by the plight of refugees throughout the world, particularly the number of children affected. They were more than happy to help raise funds for such a deserving charity and felt very lucky to lead the privileged lives they do in comparison to those affected internationally."

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THE Merseyside Transport Trust (MTT) will be holding its annual Open Day event on Sunday, July 9 to raise funds for the upkeep of its fleet of more than 50 historic vehicles.

Held at its base off Tollgate Road in Burscough, this is an opportunity to see the trust's vast collection of buses (and a train!) in various stages of restoration. It is also aimed to attract new members, volunteers, sponsorship and generate interest within the community.

Running from 10.30am to 2.30pm, this year's event will feature bus rides around the surrounding area, serving local pubs, villages and supporting local businesses.

There will be numerous vehicles on display including visiting vehicles from other preservation groups, sales stands and talks given about the group's latest projects and how people can become involved.

The open day is run entirely by volunteers and the MTT is always keen to see more people actively involved as well as to see the associated skills base that goes with this expanded.

Light refreshments will be available with all proceeds going to the charity and entry is free and there's no need to book.

A souvenir programme and guide to the day will be available for £3 and any donations people would like to make to the group would be most welcome.

Lee Wolfe, publicity and events officer for the MTT who has been involved with the group for 10 years, said: "The open day is now in its sixth year since moving to our new premises in 2011 and has gone from strength to strength.

Vehicles at a previous MTT open day

"We have been consistently attracting large numbers, which is encouraging for a small charity, and are always looking at ways to make the event even bigger.

"All funds raised on the day will go a long way in helping to keep our collection safe for the future."

On the day free car parking will be available at a nearby site, plus a free park & ride bus service between there and the main event, and free shuttle service connecting the event to the Ormskirk and Burscough bus/rail interchanges

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Dance Festival set to return 'bigger and better'

TALENTED performers from across West Lancashire are set to delight the crowds when the Ormskirk Dance Festival returns to the town's Coronation Park on Sunday, June 25.

The Divine Dancers, a community group which aims to make the arts accessible to all, including the most vulnerable in society, are running the festival in partnership with West Lancs Council and the West Lancs Parks and Countryside Ranger Service for the third year running.

The fun gets underway at 11am until 4pm and as well as showcasing different types of dance, it will feature a fair, musical entertainment, children's rides, raffle, bouncy castle, donkey rides, food, craft stalls and children's art sessions.

The Divine Days Community Arts Project, which has bases in Burscough and Skelmersdale, was founded by Katie Whitehead, who runs therapeutic and educational programmes for individuals with additional needs, including creative dance and drama workshops.

Katie said: "The festival is bigger and better than ever this year and we are showcasing a wide range of performance troupes, we are so excited.

Katie Whitehead (right) and dancers from Divine Days Creative Arts at last summer's Ormskirk Dance Festival

"It is one of our highlights and although an awful lot of hard work and planning goes in to the event we love seeing it come together and bringing the whole community to take part in the festival.

"What is so great is that there is something for everyone!

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"The level of talent is so high this year we have groups performing from across the borough, we have the wonderful Dream Makers and Base Dance who have been with us from the Start and this year we also have the amazing Conway Girls, Attitude Dance, Learning Starts, Moon Flower, Lucy's Contemporary Tap and of course our awesome Divine Dancers who will be launching their new performance piece.

"Divine Dance is our flagship dance troupe and we are on the lookout for new members. Divine Dance is a contemporary dance troupe for over-16s with additional needs."

For more information about the festival and Divine Days Community Arts CIC visit divinedays.co.uk or contact Katie Whitehead by email at katie@divinedays.co.uk.

Paula Kearns (left) of the Birchwood Centre opens the 'pop-up shop' at Tanhouse Community Centre watched by Andrea Smith (right) and her team from M&S, Michelle, Pauline and Jane, and food bank volunteers, David, Ian and Hiva.

M&S team stage food donation event in aid of Birchwood Centre

A TEAM from Marks and Spencer in Ormskirk have staged a food donation event at the Tanhouse Community Centre in Skelmersdale.

They organised the three-hour event on behalf of the Birchwood Centre, a supported accommodation project with advice and information service based in Skelmersdale, as part of the food and retail giant's national Sparks Something Good in the Community campaign. This encourages staff at each store to volunteer to help a local charity.

Staff at the Ormskirk M&S teamed up with the centre a year ago by donating food that had reached its expiry date to be made into meals for the needy as part on an ongoing project.

Andrea Smith, manager of the Aughton Street store, said: "We chose the Birchwood Centre as our local charity and as well as 12 members of staff volunteering to work for them providing food for the needy in their community, we also donated £500 which they have used to launch their new mobile, pop-up food bank. This will enable them to get out and about providing food in various locations, such as at events and schools.

"Along with other businesses in this area we donate food to Birchwood that is date-expired. It has been really rewarding to work alongside them to see the great work they do in reducing waste and providing nutritional and healthy meals.

"During the last 12 months working alongside the Birchwood Centre we have visited their various community centres and been amazed at the work they do.

"It has been rewarding to see what happens to the food we donate once it leaves the store. They are extremely passionate about reducing food waste and using the date-expired food to create healthy, affordable meals while also creating opportunities for volunteering and building strong links within the local community."

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EIGHT community projects in West lancashire were among more than 300 across the North West awarded grants of up to £10,000 each from the National Lottery's Big Lottery Fund.

More than £8.6 million in total was handed out to groups throughout the region in the latest round of awards for projects that improve the local community.

Banks St Stephen's CE Primary School in Greaves Hall Avenue was awarded £9,455 to create a 'trim trail' within its grounds for use by the school and the wider, semi-rural community to address increasing levels of obesity and improve the health and well-being of young children through fun outdoor activities.

Crawford Village Primary in Up Holland received £10,000 to develop a space within the grounds as a sensory garden for pupils and local community to access outside of the school hours and to deliver community activities and events.

The project aims to encourage social interaction, improve access to local outdoor amenities and reduce social and rural isolation.

£10,000 was also awarded to the Fit Play project in Ormskirk. This will be used to run fitness sessions for parents in the local community. It aims to provide sessions for parents and children to reduce isolation and improve physical and emotional wellness.

The Four Lane Ends Mission in Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe was handed a £8,200 grant to resurface its community car park and provide safe parking for all those who attend the building for various different groups and activities whilst also making sure there is adequate space for those with disabilities.

Workshops

Holmeswood Methodist Primary School, Rufford was awarded £9,915 to develop the outdoor area of the school, to include fencing and planting areas. This will allow the school to run food-growing workshops for pupils and parents, encouraging physical activity and a healthy diet, with the aim of reducing obesity across the school community.

Ormskirk Tennis Club will use its £10,000 award to update car parking facilities at their community facility so they are fit for purpose, accessible for people with disabilities and no longer hazardous for local community groups.

Another local project to benefit is the West Lancashire Crisis and Information Centre in Birch Green, Skelmersdale. The community participation and engagement scheme has been awarded £9,910 to help fund a community development worker to help with the planning and design of a new project, as well as the pilot for a community kitchen.

The centre aims to help people make significant lifestyle changes including reducing social isolation and gaining transferable skills towards employment opportunities.

Last but not least, Westhead Lathom St James' Church of England Primary School, has been given £10,000 to install outdoor equipment on the grounds in School Lane, including a 'trim trail' and mud kitchen and provide new activities for children to help improve development and skills.

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THE West Lancashire Light Railway is hosting a Strawberries and Steam event on Sunday, June 25 as part of a year of events to mark the 50th anniversary of the narrow gauge track in Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

The event runs from 11.30am to 4.30pm and will feature two locomotives in steam, fun and games including a strawberry shy, and themed refreshments on sale including strawberries and cream and strawberry scones.

Admission and parking is free but tickets to ride on the trains cost £4 for adults, £2.50 for children, £3.50 for seniors and £11 for families.

Ladies on song for Civic

THIE Civic in Ormskirk will host a lunchtime concert by the St Helens Ladies Choir on Wednesday, July 12.

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Bus stop musings prompt memories of green pennies and infamous Enka stink!

HAVE you ever noticed how one stray thought can lead to others?

The other day I was waiting at a bus stop in Aintree and directly across the A59 road was Brenka Avenue. Now, you would have to be of a certain age (and have lived in the area for some time) for that to be of any significance.

Brenka Avenue, now between the Aintree Retail Park and Aintree racecourse, was built by a firm called British Enka, a Dutch company which made synthetic materials, in which the factory managers had their homes.

British Enka disappeared years ago, but I remember it well. Several friends' dads worked at the Enka as did mine for a short while after the Second World War until the fumes aggravated his ulcers and he was forced to leave.

But the Enka was infamous for miles around for the stink its process made - depending on the direction of the wind it easily pervaded the whole of Maghull at times.

There were also 'Enka pennies'. These were the old copper pennies which had been exposed to the fumes by workers at the factory and turned green.

However, the roof of the offices was a splendid viewpoint from which to watch the Grand National - for free!

But thinking of my youth, it struck me also that probably the last time I had stood at that particular bus stop must have been many years ago as a teenager. And perusing the timetable it was brought home to me how the mighty motor car has changed public transport.

There are presently four buses an hour which go from there to Maghull, only two to Lydiate. There are also two which venture to Melling. Back in the early 1960s, as I remember it, there would have been at least six each hour travelling to Maghull (and Lydiate); another to what is now Ashworth Hospital; and four going to Melling (one at least running through to Ormskirk).

There is one change for the better; there are now two an hour running to Southport instead of only one, although even then they don't run late in the evening as they used to.

To be fair, since the latest round of timetable changes Maghull has got its best local bus service for many years, including evenings. The only problem with that, so far as I can see, is that these new and/or improved services have not been advertised. Yes, I bet they are all on the Merseytravel website but unless your average punter has been alerted that changes are afoot, I can't see most folk ever bothering to look there.

I've obtained timetables for all of these but must confess that the various routes and combinations still have me rather flummoxed. Perhaps someone with a flair of computers could get round to compiling a single timetable booklet for local bus services in the Lydiate, Maghull and Aintree area?

Maybe the local parish councils could have a hand in this because it seems to me that one way possibly to reduce the number of car journeys made would be to point out the opportunities public transport can still offer.

Another idea that could be put to Merseytravel and/or the bus companies, is some sort of purely local, multi-journey ticket at a bargain price.

It would certainly be a crying shame if these new (and vastly improved) circular and evening services were to wither on the vine just because nobody even knew they were there!

Quite soon we will have a new station at Maghull North with an extensive car park. But since everybody knows that this will be filled with cars of commuters and since we have been told there will be a bus serving the station, surely it makes sense, for everybody, to use this service if the price is right?

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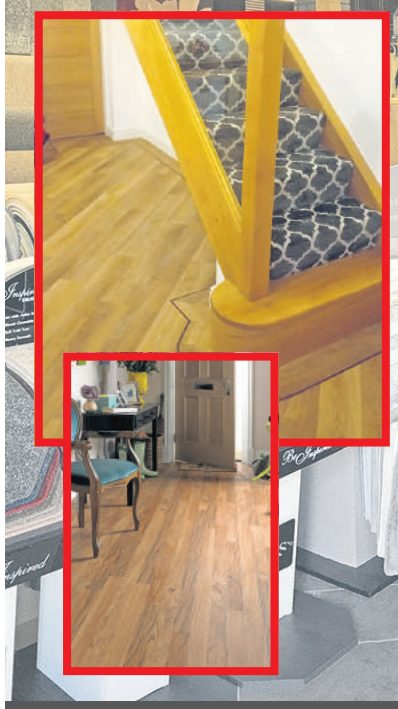

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Lancashire County Council's Highways team were called out to the site after motorists reported that their tyres were being ruined by the tarmac sticking to them.

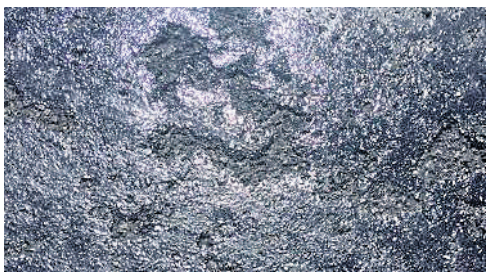
The fault was first reported to the Hesketh Bank and Tarleton Community facebook page when motorist Ian Torley reported: "I would think twice about using Taylors Meanygate unless you want tar all over your car.

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

"The road has quite literally melted!"

Another resident, Anne Louise Sutton said: "When I drove over it yesterday (Sunday June 18) it was like driving through a massive puddle of tar."

The Champion approached the County Council for comment.



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Head of nursing, Kath Higgins who is also a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve

Hospital trust to hold tea party in aid of Armed Forces

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust are hosting a tea party on Friday (June 23) in support of Armed Forces' Week and SSAFA The Armed Forces Charity.

The tea party will run from noon to 4pm at the entrance of Southport Hospital.

During the afternoon there will be tea and coffee kindly donated by Bookers, as well as a cake sale with all donations for SSAFA.

A vintage World War Two military ambulance will be in attendance, along with members of 208 Field Hospital, Liverpool and 207 Field Hospital, Manchester.

There will also be displays about the role of medics in the military.

Thrilled

The trust was the 2016 public sector winner of the North West Armed Services Business Award and has a track record of working collaboratively with personnel.

This includes providing flexible working for Reservists to undertake their military commitments as on exercise and operational deployments, with paid support and access to a Forces Champion.

A number of staff at the trust are members of the reserve forces or veterans, including head of nursing, Kath Higgins who is also a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve.

Kath said: "We're thrilled to be supporting Armed Forces' Week and SSAFA.

"This is a great opportunity for our staff, patients and members of the public to find out more about the Armed Services and the role medical staff play."

Archers have charity target in their sights

MEMBERS of an archery club are hoping to hit the target with an Alzheimer's awareness-raising event this weekend!

The Burscough Archers have teamed up with staff from Asmall Hall Care Home in Scarisbrick to help at the Asmall Hall Care Home Gala Day this Saturday (June 24) to raise funds in aid of the national charity, the Alzheimers Society.

Roy Samples, club secretary and coach at Burscough Archers, said: "We will be opening a range at the Asmall House Livery Stables in Asmall Lane, Ormskirk, which is adjacent to the home, for visitors to try their hand at the ancient and noble sport of archery under the supervision of qualified coaches.

"We are proud to support this event in aid of the Alzheimer's Society and to help raise funds to aid in their research against this devastating disease.

"If you have ever fancied trying archery then this is a great opportunity and if you enjoy the experience - why not sign up to one of our beginners courses whilst you are there?"

Burscough Archers will donate £5 to charity for each person who signs up for a course on the day.

For further information, visit their website at burscougharchers.org.uk.

Time to nominate our unsung sporting heroes for county awards

IF you know a local sporting star or an unsung hero who deserves recognition, now is your chance to nominate them for a prestigious award!

The Lancashire Sports Awards are a celebration of local sporting achievement paying tribute to those - young and old - who show dedication to perform at the highest level or who work tirelessly to support individuals or clubs week in-week out, for the love of sport.

And West Lancashire Borough Council is inviting local clubs, individuals and schools to put forward their own nominations in the following categories:

Active Workplace
Adult Volunteer of the Year
Coach of the Year
Community Club of the Year
Community Project of the Year
Contribution to Women's Participation
Lifetime achievement
Primary School of the Year
Secondary School of the Year
Service to Disability Sport
Young Achiever of the Year
Young Volunteer of the Year.

Dave Tilleray, West Lancs Council's director of leisure and wellbeing, said: "West Lancashire has sporting heroes who compete or give up their time to help others compete. They deserve recognition for their efforts, so please send us your nominations."

Nominees must come from or represent the West Lancashire area. Successful nominees will be invited to represent the borough at the Lancashire Sports Awards, where the overall regional winners will be crowned.

Closing date for West Lancashire nominations is Friday, August 25. The local winners of each category are automatically put forward to represent the borough at the Lancashire Sports Awards on Friday, November 24 at The Hilton Hotel, Blackpool.

For more information or to make a nomination go to the website www.westlancs.gov.uk/sportsawards.

Dave Tilleray

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Residents have more pride in our towns than most of our councillors

IN recent editions of the Champion there have been letters about axing bus services and the general state of both Skelmersdale and Ormskirk towns.

The axing of the bus services is going to leave many people unable to carry out their daily shopping, get to work or go about their general daily life.

People also write in about their concerns about weeds growing in pavements, in roads, uncut verges and untended roundabouts. It seems the people of Skelmersdale and Ormskirk have more pride in our towns' appearances than any of our councillors.

We have 54 West Lancashire councillors who cannot have much to do as nothing is changing. If we cut the number of councillors by a third how much would that save? Something at least towards keeping bus services and the upkeep of our green areas.

Also, there are 12 districts in all of Lancashire and the highest paid councillors are in West Lancashire on £4,842, compared with the lowest in Burnley on £2,700.

The average is £3,801 so if our councillors just paid themselves the average we can save about £57,255. If we cut our councillors by a third on the average pay we can save around £68,400 and if we cut them by a third on their current pay we would save £87,000!

We, the ratepayers have had our bus services cut and our towns uncared for while at the same time our rates have gone up and there's a charge for our green bins. Isn't it time our councillors took a pay cut to show some solidarity with the people?

Labour and Tory councillors should take a leaf out of the Our West Lancashire party as they have a pride in how our town looks. They have cleaned up Ruff Woods and the Ormskirk cemetery footpath and put in huge planters by Hattersley roundabout and put in new plants.

So, come on councillors, the people of our towns deserve better.

Barrie French,
(by email)

Council must allow more free access to car parks

WHY bother to shop in Ormskirk town centre, when car parking has to be paid for?

Shoppers now have other less-expensive options. Parking at the Hattersley retail park is free.

Just down the road in Burscough, there is also free parking at Ringtail retail park.

Go a bit further for more of the same at the Tesco supermarket.

The residents at the new Highgrove estate will find it easier to shop at these places rather than use Ormskirk town centre.

If the centre of Ormskirk is to attract more customers, then the borough council needs to allow free access to its car parks.

Of course, this will diminish council revenue, but at least it will prevent Ormskirk becoming a town of ever-emptying shops.

Michael Smout,
Aughton

PICTURE of the week

Villagers in Newburgh joined other communities across the nation last weekend to take part in The Great Get Together - an event to mark the first anniversary of the death of Jo Cox MP. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Candidate tried to curry favour with voters in West Lancs!

THE West Lancs Conservative election leaflet made interesting reading.

The headline shouted that 'Rosie Cooper and the Labour Group back Corbyn' - clearly intended to shock us with terrible news.

It also shows Teresa May with the Tory candidate Sam Currie in a deserted street. We know, of course, that Mrs May doesn't like meeting voters, but the remarkable thing about the leaflet is that it told us nothing at all about Mr Currie.

Where does he live? What is his job? What has he achieved in his political career?

He's Mr Anonymous. The only thing we know about him is that he detests Jeremy Corbyn, calling him a 'dangerous, bumbling, divisive, extremist'.

How surprising that so many British voters believe that he (Corbyn) is modest, moderate and truthful.

Although I'm not a member of the Labour Party, I admire him for almost defeating the bleak, reactionary and self-centred Mrs May.

Maurice George,
Ormskirk

Refreshing to see the grass grow!

With regard to overgrown grass verges - cutting everything to the ground may be aesthetically pleasing to some, but it is not to many others.

Personally, I find it refreshing and positive not to see everything mowed and cut to within an inch of its life. Leaving these areas to grow naturally has many benefits to the wildlife and natural environment.

The longer grass provides a habitat for insects and small mammals and amphibians, which then provides a food source for birds ranging from wrens to pheasants, and larger animals like hedgehogs, squirrels and foxes.

Often early in the mornings driving through Skem, I see buzzards and even owls hunting for prey along Glenburn Road. Also there are wildflowers appearing amongst the grass, providing a haven for butterflies, bees and other vitally important pollinators.

Of course, there does need to be a balance. It is not acceptable to risk an accident or cause danger to road-users and pedestrians because visibility is obscured by high-growing plants. However, as we continue to spread and take over the countryside, pushing wildlife to the edge and being accountable for the continued decline of many species, we do have to be responsible for a solution.

Planting of trees and hedges is important, and so is leaving areas to grow naturally. If this is against a pavement or road, then it needs to be made safe.

Patches of longer grass and wildflowers can be left unobtrusively in many areas with huge benefits and little cost. I do this in my garden, and the children love rooting around looking at the frogs, butterflies, bees and insects, as do the birds, and therefore a sparrowhawk!

Upon entering Warrington and other areas, central reservations, verges and roundabouts are covered in grass and brightly coloured wildflowers, with closely-cut grass next to the roads. It's well maintained and looks great, and would be brilliant to achieve a similar solution in West Lancs.

D.G., Skelmersdale

A growing problem to deal with in schools

DRUGS are in our secondary schools in Ormskirk, let's not pretend otherwise.

Increasingly our teenagers are using cannabis whilst out and about in and around Ormskirk - I have had first-hand experience of this, usually young teenage boys from Year 7 age onwards.

If we all don't do something, this will deteriorate quality of life in Ormskirk for all of us. We all need to wake up, realise this problem and start tackling it.

As parents we need to keep more of a check on our youngsters, not let them be out so late at night, actively engage them in organised activities such as sports scouting, cadets, that type of thing.

Parents also need support from all other people in the community. Let's not allow drugs to drag us all down!

Worried, Ormskirk, by email

Band's response to insulting portrayal of Skelmersdale was music to my ears…

WHAT a magnificent response from Paul McCoy and his friends who make up the band, Del Mundo (Champion, June 7) to Grayson Perry's insulting and hugely unfair portrayal last year of Skelmersdale and its residents.

This talented group of local musicians have tapped into the heartbeat of modern urban life to come up with an original album filled with songs which speak easily and meaningfully to the ordinary and extraordinary people of this own. This collection of songs is packed full of pathos, humour and real hope for a better, brighter future.

The band certainly deserve to enjoy great success.

David Ashley,
Skelmersdale

No charge for bins!

I have been reading with interest about the project for Tawd Vale and in your letters page the charges for green bins.

With regard to the green bins, how can you charge for emptying them? The only costs should be for fuel, crew, and vehicle. To dispose of the contents of the green bin only requires a hole in the ground which can then be filled in and a year later, dig it up again and sell it as compost to the public, which means the cost of collecting the rubbish would eventually pay for itself.

With regard to the river Tawd I requested that the area of the Tawd that runs through Firbeck needs cleaning up. Environmental Health said they were going to investigate but to date nothing.

Paul Roughley
By e-mail

Staff and students from West Lancashire College's 'Pink Army'

College's 'Pink Army' raise £1,200-plus for Cancer Research

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of West Lancashire College's 'Pink Army' successfully completed the Race for Life at Prince's Park in Southport and have raised more than £1,200 to date for Cancer Research.

As part of the college's enrichment programme students - and staff - from all departments have been participating in a sportivate project called This Girl Can Run.

The project was funded by Lancashire Sport as part of the national This Girl Can campaign with the aim of 'getting people active, keeping people moving and improving people's lives'.

For five weeks students took part in weekly training sessions to prepare themselves to complete the 5k Southport Race for Life.

On completion of five training sessions students were rewarded with a free Race for Life T-shirt to make up their 'Pink Army' uniform.

More than 40 students and staff completed the 5k to help raise awareness and funds for Cancer Research.

Sports England enrichment co-ordinator, Rebecca Connick, said: "This is the second year that we have entered as a college and to have so many young adults complete the training and the race is inspirational, I am so proud of them all.

"And the West Lancashire College Pink Army will be back to help fund the next big discovery in the fight against cancer."

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Health professionals study effects of palliative care

HEALTH care professionals are completing studies about the best in palliative and end of life care thanks to a partnership between Queenscourt Hospice, Southport, and Edge Hill University in Ormskirk.

The masters-level module, Transforming Integrated Palliative and End of Life Care, saw its first intake of students in March.

Twenty-five students, including nurses, doctors and physiotherapists, enrolled on the course. They included 13 staff from Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, as well the hospice.

Students use scenarios based around Ivy Street, a fictional community, and its families to translate theory into practice, considering the available evidence and how to utilise it and developing their knowledge, skills and confidence.

Dr Karen Groves, consultant in palliative care at the trust and medical and education director at Queenscourt, said: "Palliative and end-of-life care is crucial to those who need it – and we have only one chance to get it right for patients and their families.

"We know staff are keen to do their very best yet many feel they don't have the knowledge, confidence or skills to ensure their care is the very best.

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Professor Barbara Jack, head of research in the Faculty of Health and Social Care at Edge Hill University, added: "The passion of the students, and hunger to learn how to provide the best care for their patients, was amazing. The interactive nature of the course shows how they are already developing enhanced skills."

Initial feedback suggests students are excited to learn new skills, said Dr Groves.

The next course runs in February 2018.

Palliative care students at Southport Hospital have recently completed an in-depth study of the local set-up

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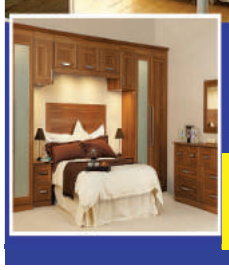

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Chance to view rare orchid as university's campus garden opens to public as part of national fundraiser

ORCHID lovers can view a rare glimpse of a threatened species when staff at Edge Hill University welcome visitors this weekend.

As part of the National Garden Scheme, visitors will be able to see a specially conserved water vole habitat, hundreds of native trees and species from around the world, a rooftop garden, rock garden, allotments and sculpture trail this Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25.

Visitors to the 160-acre garden campus will be able to see the unique Dune Helleborine (Epipactis dunensis) amongst woodland, meadow and wetland habitats.

University staff are offering tours of its Green Flag award-winning gardens which are home to a number of the tall, thin, flowering orchids, found at only a handful of UK sites.

Neil Toner, the university's grounds manager, said: "We're delighted to be taking part in the National Garden Scheme for the second year running. Since Edge Hill arrived in Ormskirk in 1933 green spaces have been integral to the campus and as we've grown and developed each year we've conserved and enhanced our gardens and green spaces.

"We have a beautiful campus with so much to offer visitors, so this weekend is our excuse to throw open our doors and show visitors some of our hidden horticultural gems."

Edge Hill is one of three Ormskirk gardens - along with 72 Ludlow Drive and 1 Pinfold Road - open between 11am and 4pm on the two days.

Self-guided tours are available and grounds and horticultural staff are offering tours at 2pm each day and will be on hand to answer any questions.

Visitors can view the unique Dune Helleborine (Epipactis dunensis) on Edge Hill University's campus this weekend

Combined admission to all three gardens is £4.50, children free, with the money raised going to health charities. Admission can be paid at Ludlow Drive or Pinfold Road gardens.

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Kidney patient support charity launches appeal for more organ donors

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire are being urged to consider donating their kidneys in the event of their death after it was revealed that there are currently more than 100 people on the waiting list for one of the organs in Lancashire alone.

Paddy Tabor, chief executive at Kidney Care UK, a kidney patient support charity, revealed that every day in the UK one person will die while waiting for a donor kidney.

He said: "Most people don't want to think about their kidneys, but the reality is that one in eight people will develop chronic kidney disease which can affect their general health and may ultimately mean they might need dialysis or a transplant in order to stay alive.

"The average time waiting for a kidney on the transplant list is three years and there are almost 30,000 people in the UK on dialysis - a treatment that leaves patients hooked up to machines for hours at a time for several days every week and has a knock-on impact on their ability to study, work, socialise and ultimately live their lives to the full.

Dialysis treatment leaves kidney patients hooked up to machines for hours at a time several days a week

"Kidney patients constantly tell us that greater awareness of kidney disease and the impact it can have on their lives would be life-changing for them, which is why we're calling on your readers to become kidney aware by visiting kidneycareuk.org. We are here to ensure that no-one in Lancashire has to face kidney disease alone.

"The number of those dying waiting for a kidney has to change."

More beds for young people with mental health issues

THERE are now more beds available for young people with mental health issues in Lancashire following a relocation of Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's inpatient Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Tier 4 into a single site.

The service, which provides inpatient assessment and treatment for children and young people with emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties, was previously provided over two sites in Preston and Lancaster.

This is now offered from a single location at The Cove, Heysham and provides care for up to 16 young people from the age of 13 years up to 18 years.

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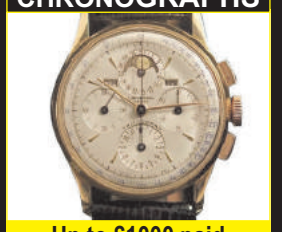

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Nominations are now open and close later this month on Sunday 25 June.

The Educate Awards, now in its sixth year, is an annual celebration which aims to showcase the brilliance within the region's education sector. Open to all schools in the Liverpool City Region, Cheshire and Lancashire, the awards are the biggest of its kind and cover every aspect of a school's curriculum, teaching and staff.

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Flamingo chicks hatch at reserve

Report by **Henry James**

FOUR greater flamingo chicks have hatched at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre.

Centre manager, Nick Brooks, said: "It is always great to see flamingo chicks at the centre. They are very popular with our visitors.

"We do a flamingo talk everyday at 3pm where we put up a scope and tell our visitors all the weird and wonderful facts about flamingos, such as why they stand on one leg. It's a great talk and an opportunity to have the chicks pointed out.

"Our adult flamingos are actually as old as Martin Mere as they came from WWT Slimbridge 40 years ago. The fact that they still continue to breed is credit to our team of aviculturists and the care they show the birds."

The greater flamingos are one of six species of flamingos found in the world. They are the least vibrant coloured of the six species, being a pale, salmon pink.

Parent-reared

Flamingos are very social birds which need to be kept together in a large group in order for them to be happy.

At Martin Mere there are currently 57 greater flamingos and they choose the same partners every year. A single egg is laid by each pair and both the male and female take it in turns to incubate.

Incubation takes approximately 30 days and all chicks are parent-reared as these social youngsters benefit from being with their mum and dad as well as with each other.

In addition, adult flamingos produce a special crop milk to feed their babies on (pigeons are the only other birds to do this). The fluffy chicks grow very quickly (up to 2cm a day) and they are fully-fledged by the age of three months. They are usually grey or white in colouring and it takes approximately two to three years to obtain full pink plumage.

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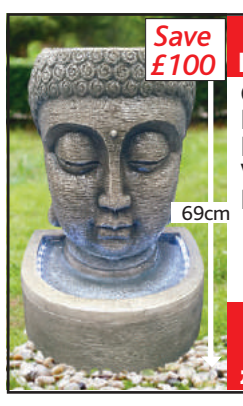

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Trust conference focus on improvements in quality of healthcare

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A CONFERENCE organised by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust to coincide with International Nurses Day, aimed to nurture quality improvements in the way care is delivered by the Trust.

A range of speakers from Lancashire Care, NHS England, and the Advancing Quality Alliance attended the 'Quality Improvement Conference' to talk about examples of changes that have resulted in quality improvements.

Opportunity

Dee Roach, director of nursing & quality at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "This conference was held to encourage quality healthcare that involves providing services that are safe, effective, patient-centred, timely, efficient and equitable.

"Quality is at the heart of everything we do at Lancashire Care and the Quality Improvement Conference is one way to nurture and drive further improvements.

"The event went very well and was well attended. It was a lovely opportunity to hear of improvements in the past year or that are underway and are beginning to make a difference.

"It was, as usual, great listening to staff providing first-hand real life stories about quality change and the impact these changes have had on enabling us to be the best we can be."

Dee Roach

Sun shines on Family Fun Day...

MORE than 150 visitors attended the Ormskirk Catenians' Summer Family Fun Day last week.

The Ormskirk branch of the Catholic men's organisation held the event at St Anne's Pastoral Centre where guests included Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney, local clergy and and Peter Rogers, national president of the Catenian Association.

Andy Pritchard, press officer for the organisation, said: "We had a great buffet, live music and most importantly the sun shone all day.

"All who came along thoroughly enjoyed the day and many of the parishioners were very keen to know more about the Catenian Association."

Trip was short but sweet for classic car lovers

SHORT but sweet was the verdict when a group of classic car enthusiasts held their latest outing.

Members of the West Lancs MG Owners Club, who meet at the Briars Hall Hotel in Lathom, made the short trip to The Rigbye Arms in nearby Wrightington in a convoy of 18 vehicles including six MGBs, three MGFs, three vintage MGTCs, an MGA, an MGC and an MG-ZR.

Club member Steve Kirton said: "The Rigbye Arms dates back to the 17th-century. It is in an attractive moorland setting about a mile-and-a-half from Parbold Hill with great views over Lancashire and surrounding areas."

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Borough's young women urged not to miss cervical screening appointments

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

YOUNG women in West Lancs are being urged to attend cervical smear testing in a bid to avoid becoming at risk of developing cancer.

Although cervical cancer is the most common cancer in women under 35, it is largely preventable thanks to cervical screening and the HPV vaccination programme.

However, statistics show that the number of women aged 25 to 29 years of age being screened for cervical cancer is the lowest in any age group and the number of women attending for screening is falling, year on year.

Surveys undertaken by cancer charities indicate embarrassment and a lack of understanding of the causes of cervical cancer may be behind the fall in numbers attending.

The number of women dying from cervical cancer has halved over the past 28 years as a result of the NHS screening programme as well as improvement in treatment.

Important

Julie Kelly, head of public health for NHS England, said: "There has been a fall in attendance of women across all age groups over the past few years but this decline is most marked amongst younger women. Making time to take up your screening appointment is the single most important active step you can take to avoid developing cancer.

"It is really important for young women to understand the importance of attending cervical screening when they receive a letter from their GP as it can detect pre-cancer abnormalities, which, if left untreated, may develop into cancer.

"The screening test is relatively simple, takes about five minutes and is performed by the practice nurse at your GP Surgery. About 95% of results will be normal and of those that are not, the vast majority can be treated very easily and will never develop into cancer.

"I urge women who may have received a letter and decided not to attend to reconsider and make an appointment – it really is very quick, it could prevent you needing more invasive treatment later on and could ultimately save your life."

Search launched for chic cyclists

A COMPETITION has once again been launched to find the UK's most stylish cyclist.

Following the success of last year's event, officials at national bike hire scheme Bike & Go - which has bases at local railway stations including Ormskirk and Maghull - are seeking their Chic Cyclist 2017.

And this year's winner will ride off with £150 worth of Love to Shop vouchers, redeemable at a range of stores and attractions.

Bike & Go business manager, Linda van der Haar, said: "Last year's Chic Cyclist competition revealed just how many stylish cyclists there are riding around the UK, and we're hoping that this year we'll see even more fabulous entrants taking part."

To enter, take a selfie, or ask a friend to do it for you, of yourself on your bike in your most stylish cycling outfit and tweet it to @UKBikeandGo using the hashtag #ChicCyclist2017.

The winner will be announced via Twitter on Friday, July 7 through the @UKBikeandGo handle.

The triumphant Tarleton Holy Trinity Primary School tri-golfers

Trinity's tri-golfers tee up county glory bid

PUPILS from Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Primary School are set to tee off at the biggest youth sporting event in Lancashire, following their victory in a tri golf competition.

The Trinity youngsters beat rivals from five other West Lancs schools to win the right to represent the borough in the Spar Lancashire School Games county finals.

Now in its 11th year, the Lancashire School Games is made up of two main events giving children the chance to take part in competitive sport.

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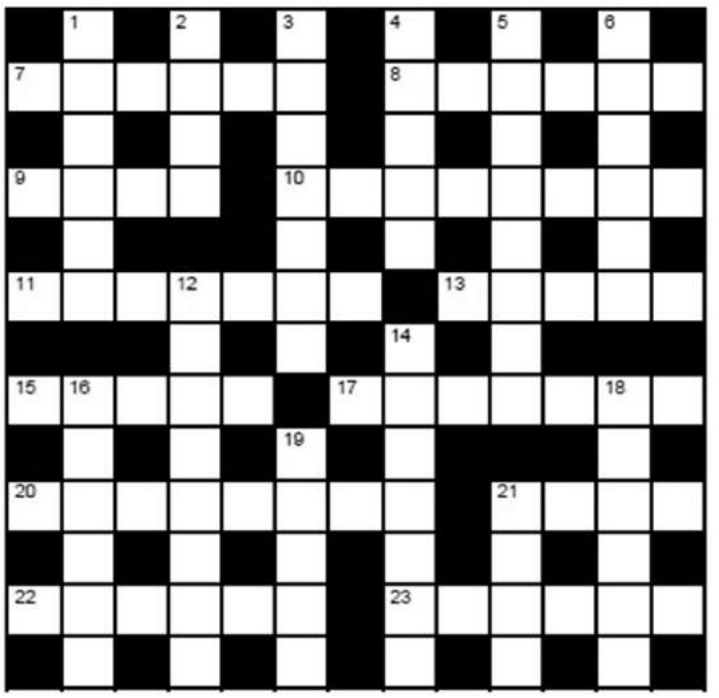

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ACROSS

7. Having a red or flushed complexion (6)
8. Contaminate (6)
9. Stalk of a plant (4)
10. Disruption (8)
11. Shield from danger (7)
13. Bishop's headdress (5)
15. Of an angle less than 90 degrees (5)
17. Informal term for foul-smelling (7)
20. Stamp of authenticity (8)
21. Take a nap (4)
22. Person who settles in a foreign country, typically for political reasons (6)
23. Nonsense, claptrap (6)

DOWN

1. Man's long, loose overcoat typically with a belt at the back (6)
2. Fill to overflowing, stuff (4)
3. Something added as a supplementary rather than an essential part (7)
4. Curve or recess in a coastline, river, or other geographical feature (5)
5. Making oneself appear insignificant or inconspicuous (8)
6. Thin cake or choux pastry filled with cream and topped with chocolate icing (6)
12. Guardianship (8)
14. Small vans or trucks with low sides (7)
16. Unpleasantly damp and sticky (6)
18. Snuggle up to (6)
19. Military trainee (5)
21. Silly, foolish (4)

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Lancashire Care Trust chosen to open unit for mums with perinatal mental health problems

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust has been selected to open a new specialist inpatient unit for mothers with perinatal mental health problems.

NHS England has selected the Trust as a preferred provider to run one of the four, new eight-bed mother and baby units (MBU) in the country.

The unit will be an inpatient facility for mothers with serious mental health problems to stay with their babies. The plans to open the specialist units come as part of a £40m investment in inpatient perinatal care.

Each unit will provide care for women experiencing severe mental health problems or who may be at high risk of becoming mentally unwell in the perinatal period, including very serious conditions such as post-partum psychosis.

The units enable treatment and recovery for mothers while allowing their relationships with their babies to develop. They are staffed by multi-disciplinary teams across psychiatry, nursing and nursery care.

The North West was recognised as one of the areas in the country with particular access issues around inpatient MBU capacity.

Lisa Moorhouse, head of operations for mental health at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: “We are really pleased to have been selected as one of four providers in the country and excited to be a key part in transforming perinatal mental healthcare.

“Perinatal mental illnesses are a major public health issue with between 10 and 20% of women developing a mental illness during pregnancy or within the first year after having a baby. With this in mind it is extremely important that people have access to these specialist perinatal, mother and baby units.

“Our priority is to provide the right care, at the right time, every time and by this facility in Lancashire we are ensuring that women who are at risk of, or suffering from, perinatal mental illnesses are given appropriate support at the earliest opportunity.”

The final contracts and go-live dates are under discussion and are expected to be confirmed in the summer.

County council hosts information event for potential foster parents

LANCASHIRE County Council chiefs are appealing for potential foster parents to learn more about the services that they offer at an information event tonight (Wednesday, June 21).

With around 20 Lancashire children needing homes each week, council officials are always looking to recruit new foster carers.

The county council has recently increased allowances payable to new foster carers to between £241 and £415 per week for each child they care for. People who have considered fostering before but weren’t sure they could afford it are advised to go along to the evening and find out if it could now be a viable option.

The event starts at 6pm at County Hall in Preston and there is no need to book.

Foster homes are needed for around 20 children in Lancashire each week

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, lead member for young people at Lancashire County Council, said: "We have increased our allowances to foster carers this year in recognition of their valuable role in providing loving homes for the children in our care. There is also a rising demand with more children and young people coming into the care of the authority each week.

“We are looking for people who can foster all ages of children, particularly siblings who need to stay together and teenagers. No formal experience or qualifications are needed, all we ask is that you have a spare room available and a desire to make a difference to a local child's life.”

A package of support is available to help foster carers, including local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and flexible training. If you’re unable to go along on the night, but are still interested, you can call the fostering recruitment team on 0300 123 6723 or visit lancashire.gov.uk/fostering.

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Pictured at the launch of the charity ball initiative are (from left) Athena Health Care's Gaye Clarke; West Lancashire Alzheimer's Society dementia adviser, Gina Berry; AHC events organiser, Lesley Malone and Lindsey Boydell from the Ramada Plaza Hotel

Care group and dementia specialists team up to raise funds for Alzheimer's charity

THE organisers of a hub for older people in West Lancashire have teamed up with dementia specialists to raise funds for a national charity.

Staff at Abbey Wood Lodge care home in County Road, Ormskirk launched a Community Care Forum last September for people from a range of organisations to meet and share ideas, activities and events to help older people become more involved in the community.

Now they have teamed up with West Lancashire Alzheimer's Society dementia adviser, Gina Berry, Linda Lawson and Elaine Young from the Southport Alzheimer's Society, and the events team at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Southport to organise a charity ball at the hotel on Friday, August 25 to raise funds for the national Alzheimer's Society.

Gaye Clark, head of the Athena Health care group, which owns the Ormskirk home and Parklands Lodge in Southport, said: "As well as raising funds for this worthy cause care providers, managers and staff from West Lancashire and Sefton will spend a wonderful evening together enjoying a beautiful three-course meal and entertainment by Tom Jones tribute act, Danny Roman."

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For the seventh year in a row, St. Mary's College will stage the musical spectacular at its Blundell Park playing field on Little Crosby Road at 7.30pm on Saturday 8th July.

Proms in the Park will feature 250 talented young musicians from St Mary's College & Preparatory School, conducted by the school's director of Music, Andrew Byers. There will also be a special guest performance by renowned International Soprano and former St Mary's pupil Rachael Russell.

Compere for the event will be BBC Radio Merseyside presenter Roger Phillips and there will also be a special guest appearances by the choirs from Valewood Primary School, Crosby and St Lukes Primary School in Formby.

The St. Mary's pupils will play all the old favourites from the annual Last Night of the Proms concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

These include Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No 1 (Land of Hope and Glory), Jerusalem, the Fantasia on British Sea Songs written by Proms founder Henry Wood and, of course, Rule Britannia.

The concert will finish with a performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, which will be accompanied by a spectacular fireworks display.

St. Mary's Principal, Mike Kennedy, commented: "The Last Night of the Proms concert has been a tradition at the school for many years now, but staging it in the open air in recent summers has brought a whole new dimension to the event. "Following the excellent feedback we received in 2016, we're hoping for an even bigger audience this year."

"They will be able to enjoy a concert that will be both a rousing way to end the school year and a wonderful showcase for the wealth of musical talent here at St. Mary's," added Mr Kennedy.

Advanced ticket prices for the concert are £17.50 for adults, £10.00 for children (applies to students) and £50.00 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children). Entrance is free for children under five.

For more information about the event and to book tickets please ring St. Mary's College on 0151 924 3926 or email proms@stmarys.lpool.sch.uk.

Sister's renewed plea for help on behalf of 'desperate' orphans

by **Danielle Thompson**

A NUN from Parbold has launched a renewed appeal for donations to help orphaned children in Africa, whose plight she describes as "'desperate".

Sister Margaret Rose first went out to the Democratic Republic of Congo 16 years ago to help launch The Gorsilaure Project which takes in destitute children and gives them a home and schooling up to university level.

Run by Father Simon Lumbela at the Gorsilaure Children's Village in Qinsantu, Bas-Congo, the project also has a hospital with maternity and surgical units, as well as overseeing farming, food production and manufacturing schemes.

Although she returned to the UK after three years, 73-year-old Sister Margaret Rose, a member of Sister of Notre Dame congregation in Parbold, has continued to work for the project seeking to raise its profile in this country.

She said: "I spoke to Father Simon Lumbela recently, in what was arguably the most heart-rending communication I have ever received from him throughout the almost 18 years of the existence of the Gorsilaure Project.

"People in the Congo never say outright that things are terrible, however, my long association with the country and, in particular, with Father Simon, enables me to know that his few words are really conveying that the situation of the people in his care, not least the abandoned orphans, is now so completely desperate that he no longer knows what to do.

"Because of the utterly chaotic state of the Congo, the cost of mere survival has totally spiralled out of control, on top of which there is not a single penny left in Gorsilaure's bank account.

"Humanly speaking, the plight of Gorsilaure's orphans (as well as of the adults whom the project has, against all odds, been enabling to build a life) could now be considered to be beyond all hope.

"Father Simon, refusing to be broken by nightmarish adversity, continues to put his unyielding, faith-filled trust in God and is appealing for prayers.

"I am earnestly appealing to you not to turn a blind eye to Gorsilaure's now completely destitute and forgotten people but to do whatever lies in your power to help them."

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Father Simon Lumbela with orphans in the Gorsilaure Children's Village in Bas-Congo

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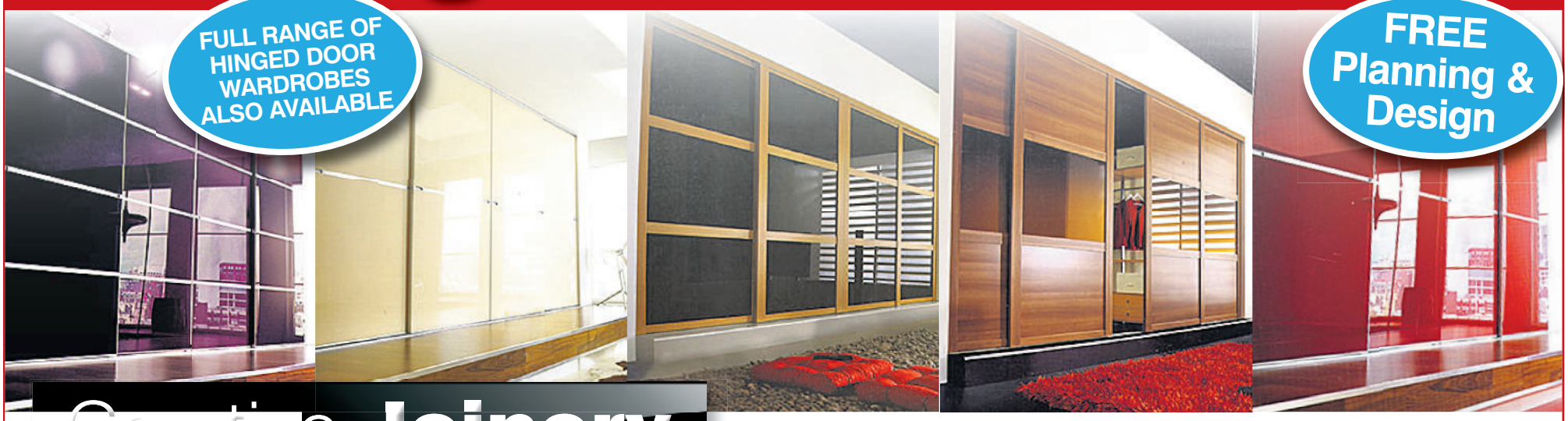

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This year in Ormskirk they will again have three gardens open for charity under the National Open Garden Scheme.

Brian and Marian Jones at 72 Ludlow Drive, who have a cottage style garden with rose borders, alpine troughs, pond and a gravel garden. Linda Murray at 1. Pinfold Road with a small courtyard garden with water feature, flower beds, pleached hornbeam hedge and also Edge Hill University grounds with its wild flower meadows, water features, sculpture trail, rockery gardens and roof top garden.

The Ormskirk open gardens event will run from 11 to 4pm this Saturday (June 24) and Sunday June 25. Combined admission to all three gardens is £4.50 for adults and free for accompanied children. The event includes a plant sale and tea and homemade cakes at 72 Ludlow Drive.

Society in rehearsal for their next play

MAWDESLEY Amateur Dramatics Society is to perform their annual play which this year is Alan Ayckbourn's 75th comedy Neighbourhood Watch.

The play centres on Martin Massey (Adrian Barradell) and Hilda (Bridgett Welch), devoutly Christian siblings who move into a nice, middle-class development fringed by a run-down housing estate.

However, when Martin catches a young intruder, he quickly forms a Neighbourhood Watch committee whose members include a paranoid ex-security officer Ron (Finlay Robertson), the local gossip Dorothy (Hilda McAughey) and a much-cuckolded engineer Gareth (Jonathon Lyons). Having led the way in creating a virtually crime-free gated community, with its own security system and punitive medieval stocks, Martin becomes a national hero lauded by the Daily Mail. But, almost inevitably, the committee resorts to increasingly questionable tactics in order to ensure security for their community.

The play will be performed at Mawdesley Village Hall on Thursday, June 29. Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8 each.

For more information please visit the website: www.madsociety.co.uk or email mawdesley-drama@yahoo.co.uk.

Members of Mawdesley Amateur Dramatics Society

Popular raft race returning at Heritage Weekend

BURSCOUGH'S Heritage Weekend will take place this Saturday and Sunday, featuring the popular annual raft race.

Throughout the weekend, canal history walks will run from the interpretation board at the front of the Wharf, whilst in the courtyard, entertainment will include performances from ukulele band, Ukes at the Wharf, and morris dancers, Stone the Crows.

Displays will feature vintage vehicles, motorbikes and a miniature steam engine, along with a range of stalls selling local produce including; plants from Burscough Allotment Society; honey and an observation hive from The Tree Bee Society (Burscough); driftwood art; and home-made jams and chutneys. The Burscough Heritage Group will also have a display showing local artefacts.

On Sunday, the annual Charity Raft Race will start at 2pm running from The Slipway to The Wharf. Speaking about the race, Burscough Wharf site manager, Ray Eckersley said: "The raft race has now become quite a tradition in Burscough. This year we have the biggest number of raft entries, we're expecting a host of impressive creations which should make for a great spectacle."

In the Arts Centre, photographic exhibition, Images of Burscough, by Mike Dawson will feature old photographs of Burscough and surrounding areas.

Ray added: "This year we're also welcoming History Group displays, vintage transport models, as well as traditional lacemaking and sewing displays."

Some of the people who competed in the raft race in previous years

Resident photographer at the Wharf, Fat Badger, will be offering visitors the opportunity to dress up in traditional clothes worn by the barge families, and have old-fashioned photographs taken.

The Heritage Weekend at Burscough Wharf takes place June 24 – 25 , 10am – 4pm.

A timetable of events can be found on the Burscough Wharf website www.burscough-wharf.co.uk Check the Burscough Wharf Facebook page for updates.

Still time to enter contest

THERE is still time to request an entry form for the prestigious Lancashire Open Exhibition at the Chapel Gallery.

If people enjoy painting, drawing or taking photographs and friends and family comment on their talent, now is the time to enter.

Amateur and professional artists alike have the chance to exhibit at Chapel Gallery. So even if they have never exhibited in an art gallery before, this is an excellent opportunity to get their work seen by the general public.

Entry forms are now available so contact the Chapel Gallery staff to request their copy. If selected, their work will be exhibited at Ormskirk's prestigious gallery from July 22 to September 6.

This is an annual exhibition and this year marks the change of the Open Exhibition's name from the West Lancashire Open Exhibition to the Lancashire Open Exhibition. This change reflects the fact that over the last 15 years the Open has grown in reputation and reach to not only attract artists from throughout Lancashire and across the Northwest, but to draw visitors from across the region too.

Applicants must be 18 years old or over and can submit two original pieces of artwork to be viewed by the selection panel. All media entered will be considered, from drawing, painting, printmaking and three-dimensional work to photography, sculpture and textiles. Submissions will be accepted on Friday 7 or Saturday, July 8 between 10am and 4.30pm.

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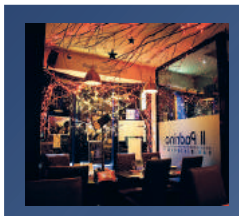

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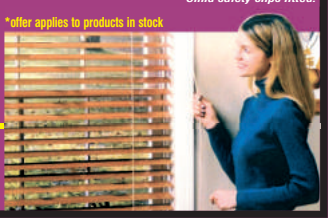

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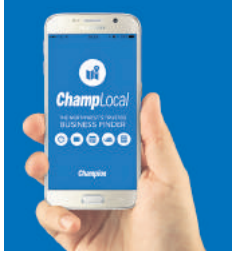

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God bless you all.

WHITTAKER JOHN JAMES

Marcia, Kevin and Melanie would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages, cards and generous donations to Queenscourt Hospice in memory of John.
A special word of thanks to the Palliative and District Nurses, Care Workers, Doctors and all the team at Burscough Health Centre for their excellent support, which enabled Marcia to care for John at home, and Cookson Tyrer for their dignified funeral arrangements.

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DRAPER JANE
Passed away 19th June 2016

Our darling daughter
Part of us went with you the day God called you home.
All the family loved you very dearly.
We miss you very much.
Love
Mum & Dad
X

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DRAPER JANE
19th June 2016

The most loving Wife and Mum
We will love you forever,you are always in our thoughts.
Steve,Dean and Sam
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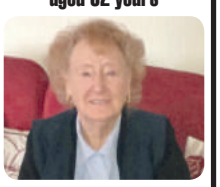
DEATHS

MITCHELL PETER
Passed Away 30th May 2017

Dad ,I can no longer see you with my eyes,touch you with my hands, but will Always feel you in my Heart forever, Good Night Sweet dreams & Give my Mum a kiss from me until we meet again RIP, your Heartbroken baby girl Andrea x Son inlaw Phil x Grandchildren Emma x Mathew x Melissa great grandson Anthony x

MARTIN MURIEL
15th June 2017
Peacefully at home surrounded by her loving her loving family aged 82 years



Loving Wife of the late Joe, devoted Mum of Maureen, Paula and Kevin,a dear Mother-In-Law, cherished Nan and Great-Nanny Moe to all her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral Service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Friday 23rd June at 11:00 am, family flowers only please by request donations if desired for Cancer Research UK. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale, Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

SEPHTON DAVID
Passed away peacefully on 13th June 2017 aged 76 years, of Tarleton

Dearly loved Husband of Lavinia, much loved Dad to Sharon & Robert, also a loving Grandad to all his Grandchildren.
Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church Tarleton on Monday 26th June at 1.00pm, followed by Interment at St. Marys Churchyard, Tarleton.
Family flowers only please but donations if so desired for Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton.
Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough. Tel: 01704 891555

BUNTING JOAN ROSEMARY
13th June 2017
Peacefully in hospital after a short illness Aged 85 years.

The dearly loved Wife of the late Dermot, loving Mum of Annette, dear Mother in law of John and devoted Nan of Kathryn.
Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin St, Burscough on Friday 23rd June 2017 at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for St Cuthbert's Church. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick
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12th June
Aged 93 years

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Funeral at West Lancs Crematorium on 28th June 2017 at 12.15pm.
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Donations if desired to Cancer Research UK.
Enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997.

DAVIES GERALD
Aged 83
Passed away at home on 12th June 2017

Loving husband to Maureen, Dad to Paul and Andrew, Grandad to Gary, Gemma, Brett and Bethany and Great-Grandad to Liam.
He will be greatly missed and dearly remembered by all who knew him.
Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Wednesday 28th June at 10.45am.
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CLAYTON DAVID

12th June 2017

Aged 50 years

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POVEY JOAN

13th June 2017

Aged 93 years

Died peacefully at Promenade Care Home. Devoted Wife of the late Charles, a beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother who will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 23rd June at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice and Dementia UK please make cheques payable to the respective charities. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

AMBLER PATRICIA (TRISH)

Passed away peacefully at home on 18th June 2017 aged 53 years, of Aughton

Dearly loved Wife of Keith, much loved Mum of Stephen and Helen, loving Daughter of Margaret Preece (Peggy), and the late Bill, and dearest Sister of Bill and Dave. Loved and missed by all her family and friends. Family flowers only by request, but donations of so desired for MacMillan Nurses. For funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Lisa Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel 01695 424888.

HAGGETT PAUL

8th June 2017

Suddenly aged 49 years

Loving and devoted Dad of Callum, much loved Son, Brother and Uncle. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral details and further enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale, Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

PATTERSON SHEILA

16th June 2017

Peacefully at her home in Skelmersdale

Aged 57 years

The dearly loved Wife of Ian and loving Mum of Jessica. She will be sadly missed by all her family. Funeral Service at St John's Parish Church, Burscough on Monday 26th June 2017 at 12 noon followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

LEWIS JOYCE SYLVIA

14th June 2017

Formerly of Liverpool Road South, Burscough

Passed away peacefully aged 79 years

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TARALDSEN OLAF

On 6th June 2017

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Aged 88 years

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MARTIN MURIEL

On 15th June 2017.

Nan and Nannie Moe, you will be sadly missed, we all loved you so much, we will all miss your cuddles and kisses. You will never be forgotten. You will always be a star to us. Love and kisses Ryan, Barry, Helena, Lisa, Steven and Vicky, Hannah, Das, John and your eleven Great Grandchildren.

HUGHES JOYCE

13th June 2017

88 years

Died peacefully at Benridge Care Home.

Wife of the late Jack, Mother of Dave, Steve, Sheila and Jackie. Loving Nana and Great-Grandma to all her Grandchildren. Joyce will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 26th June at 10:40am. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

MAWDSLEY ALAN

8th June 2017

Suddenly and Peacefully at home aged 75 years

Loving Husband of Myra, devoted Dad of Susan, Karen and Gary, and loving Grandad to Stacey, Stuart and Alan. Also, loving Brother to Brenda and Linda, and loved Uncle to all his Nieces and Nephews. Family flowers only. All donations to British Lung Foundation. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 572997

CULLEN CHRISTINA

13th June 2017

Peacefully in Hospital

Aged 84 years

Loving Wife of the late Edward, devoted Mum of Bernadette and Edward, Dear Mother-In-Law of Tina and cherished Nan of Pete, Paul, Nicole and Steven. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at St Mary Queen of Apostles Church on Friday 23rd June at 2:00pm followed by interment at St Michaels Dalton. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

MARTIN MURIEL

On 15th June 2017

Mum it's easy to remember you, we do it every minute of the day. It's just the pain of losing you that never goes away. We will always love and cherish you until our final days. We will say goodnight and God Bless. Maureen, Paula, Kevin, Colin and Russ.

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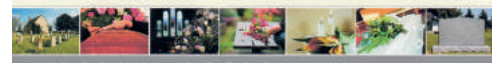

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Lathom Road, Bickerstaffe from Lyelake Lane to Stanley Gate.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 28/06/2017 until 26/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Ormskirk Road - Lyelake Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/7716/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HIGGINS LANE, NEW LANE AND MARSH MOSS LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Higgins Lane, New Lane and Marsh Moss Lane from Liverpool Road South to Tarlscough Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 26/06/2017 until 21/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Tarlescough Lane - Redcat Lane - Liverpool Road North - Liverpool Road South

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
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Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/7591/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(OUTLET LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE)
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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Outlet Lane, Bickerstaffe from Denver House to Outlet Farm.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on 26/06/2017 until 1700 hours on 03/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Simonswood Lane – Liverpool Road – Cunscough Lane – Prescot Road
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/8063/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SMITHY LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick from Southport Road to Heatons Bridge Road.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 26/06/2017 until 24/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Southport Road - Bescar Brow Lane - Hall Road - Dam Wood Lane - Heatons Bridge Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Intake Lane, Bickerstaffe from Hall Lane to St Helens Boundary.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 03/07/2017 until 04/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Church Road - A506 Liverpool Road - A570 Liverpool Road - Rainford Road and vice versa.

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Dicks Lane, Westhead from Wigan Road to Plough Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0700 hours until 1700 hours from 03/07/2017 until 04/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Wigan Road - Plough Lane and vice versa

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Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/7568/WH]

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Narrow Lane, Halsall from Asmall Lane to Halsall Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 03/07/2017 until 03/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Asmall Lane - Cut Lane - Narrow Lane - and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/7566/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VICARAGE LANE, WESTHEAD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Vicarage Lane, Westhead from Wellfield Lane to St James Church.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0600 hours on 26/06/2017 until 1800 hours on 21/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Vicarage Lane - School Lane - Wigan Road - Whiteleys Lane - Wellfield Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/7720/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOSS LANE, SINEACRE LANE AND STOPGATE LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Moss lane, Sineacre Lane and Stopgate Lane from Siding Lane to Coach Road.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 on 03/07/2017 until 04/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Coach Road - Barrow Nook Lane - Hall Lane - Church Road - Liverpool Road - (moving into Knowsley District) Cunscough Lane - Bank Lane - County Road - South Boundary Road - Perimiter Road - North Perimiter Road - Dale Lane - Pingwood Lane - Stopgate Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
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[Ref: HRiT/7915/WH]

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 15 PUBLICATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2017/0054
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - ERECTION OF A 12M HIGH VENT STACK AT VIRIDOR POLYMER RECYCLING LTD, GERRARD PLACE, SKELMERSDALE

I give notice that Viridor Waste Management Ltd is applying to the Lancashire County Council for the above development.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, plans and documents at Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 12 July 2017.The application can also be viewed on the County Council's website **planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council by 12 July 2017 at the above address, via email DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.

Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page

Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 21 June 2017

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/0587/COU Change of use of existing agricultural building to a commercial vehicle repairs unit at Cuerden Farm, Liverpool Road, Tarleton.
Application No: 2017/0598/FUL Variation of Condition No. 1 imposed on planning permission 2016/1042/FUL to vary the approved plans at Land Between 101 And 125, Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0285/LBC Listed Building Consent - Re-roofing and installation of velux windows to rear elevation at Boundary Farm, Ash Brow, Newburgh.
Application No: 2017/0565/FUL Variation of Condition No. 16 imposed on planning permission 2016/1252/FUL to read: 'All private paths, driveways and other private hardstanding areas shall be constructed in accordance with the details provided in the Drainage Strategy Report prepared by Hamilton Technical Services.' at 94A Church Road, Tarleton.
Application No: 2017/0576/FUL Erection of detached dwellinghouse at Croasdale Cottage, Lancaster Lane, Parbold.
Application No: 2017/0588/FUL Proposed 2 no. 4 bed detached dwellings including associated external works and new access road. Amendments to existing car park at Railway Hotel, 1 Station Road, Parbold.
Application No: 2017/0606/FUL Demolition of 3no. outbuildings and existing rear extension. Erection of new rear, single-storey extension with glazed link, and erection of detached garage block. Alterations to existing elevations of main house, including window replacement and new openings at Boscobel, Lathom Park, Lathom.
Application No: 2017/0619/FUL Installation of velux windows to rear elevation at Boundary Farm, Ash Brow, Newburgh.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 21st June 2017
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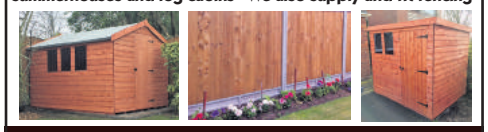

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Rydings Lane, Banks from Gorsey Lane to Boundary Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on 26/06/2017 until 1700 hours on 09/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Boundary Lane – Boltons Cop – Moss Lane – Square House Lane – Gorsey Lane and vice versa
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/8152/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SCARTH HILL LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Scarth Hill Lane from Parrs Lane to Poppy Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 29/06/2017 until 27/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Scarth Hill Lane - Ormskirk Road - Liverpool Road - Long Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/7721/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PINFOLD LANE & MORRIS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Pinfold Lane and Morris Lane, Halsall from Southport Road to Small Lane North.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 03/07/2017 until 28/07 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Southport Road - Gorsuch Lane - Halsall Road - North Moor Lane - Small Lane North and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
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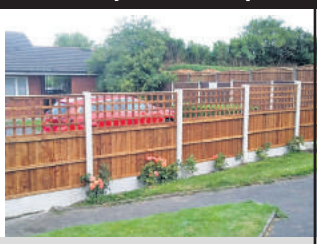

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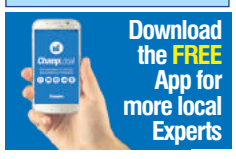
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Summer temperatures are making keeping cool in traffic impossible

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WHAT'S the hottest you've ever been? Chances are it'll be mid-gulp during a particularly brave visit to an Indian restaurant, or during that holiday to Majorca where you and your mates forgot to dab on the suncream.

For me it's always going to be an assignment that involved watching Ford GT40s powering around the Catalunya circuit – it's a rotten job, I know – but last weekend very nearly edged it. If you want to ramp up the hottest day of 2017 to extra degrees of stifling discomfort, just chuck a car into the mix.

The one at my disposal was an MG ZR, which you'll no doubt remember as being a Rover 25 with a bodykit and really stiff suspension. It's a lairy, chuckable hot hatch in the old-school sense of the phrase, but being a 14-year-old car made on the cheap by MG Rover it has no aircon whatsoever.

An MG ZR is no place to escape the current heatwave

So coming back to it after a car show – with it having spent nine unbroken hours in 30 degree sunshine – meant having to take a rather more cautious approach to driving.

For starters it might have been 30 degrees on the outside but on the inside the temperature was probably closer to what you'd find on the Sahara. Putting your hands around the steering wheel felt more like grasping a freshly cooked Cumberland swirl – only minus the oven gloves. The ZR's also fitted with part-leather seats, which normally add a touch of class to a teenage hatchback but last weekend felt like having two small ovens burning into your shoulders.

The little MG did at least managed to keep its cool in traffic – which is more than I'd be able to say of my MGB in the same scenario – but driving it even for an hour, with every window wound down, was unbearable. It makes me wonder how everyone racing at Le Mans, managed to sit in even hotter climes last weekend *and* do a bit of racing while they're at it.

But if you aren't lucky enough to have air con fitted there are a couple of things you can do.

Drive early in the morning or later at night, when it's cooler.

Leave the windows partly open if it's safe to do so. Make sure your engine coolant's topped up, and whatever you do, don't leave any children, dogs or other vaguely cute things strapped in while you pop to the shops.

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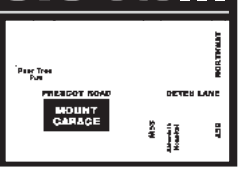

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Locally-based players shone in county fixture

LANCASHIRE'S eight wicket win over defending champions Middlesex at Southport & Birkdale's Trafalgar Road ground was watched by more than 5,000 spectators, despite the Saturday being a washout, and proves that it should be a regular fixture for years to come, *writes Glenn Wallworth*.

A few players who have or still play in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition had a good match with former Ormskirk wicketkeeper-batsman John Simpson top scoring in Middlesex's first innings with an unbeaten 53 which added to the 112 not out he scored for Ormskirk against S&B on the same ground back in 2007.

Current Formby bowler Saqib Mahmood took 3-63 and Northern's took Tom Bailey 2-47, whilst former Lytham wicketkeeper-batsman Alex Davies grabbed six victims behind the stumps.

Bailey then scored his highest first class score (58) in Lancashire's first innings, whilst Simpson took three catches behind the wickets.

Current Formby spinner Stephen Parry weighed in with his maiden five wicket haul in Championship cricket with 5-45 in the visitors' second innings, while Mahmood claimed 2-57.

And finally Formby's Haseeb Hameed did his chances of a Test recall the power of good with an unbeaten 38 to lead Lancashire to victory and inflict the first Championship defeat on Middlesex since September 2015.

Ormskirk extend lead at top of table after draw with second-placed Bootle

ORMSKIRK extended their lead at top of the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division table after their home clash with second placed Bootle ended in a draw with the hosts gaining three more points than their rivals, *writes Glenn Wallworth*.

Ormskirk chose to bat and either side of tea put 251-4 declared up on the board, thanks in no small part to a fine century from opener Andy Baybutt (116 inc 17x4), 42 from fellow opener Michael Jones and an unbeaten 33 from Gary Knight.

In reply, opener Vishal Tripathi (88), Danny Davies (39) and Neil Williams (25) all scored useful runs for the visitors.

But the target set proved too much and they eventually settled for the draw on 204-8 with Lancashire spinner Simon Kerrigan taking 4-56.

Northern moved up to fifth place with a maximum points victory at struggling Formby who failed to pick up a single point, Liam Grey took 6-31 as the hosts were dismissed for just 96 with Daniel Stanley top scoring with 17.

In reply, an unbeaten 48 from Lancashire's Tom Bailey and an undefeated 41 from Chris Laker eased the visitors to victory on 97-1.

Southport & Birkdale still occupy one of the relegation places after a 74 run home defeat by Wallasey.

The visitors racked up 240-9 dec thanks to runs from Greg Beaver (77), Tharindu Handi (50) and Danny Beaver (39) with Justin Labsuchagne 3-36 and skipper Chris Firth 3-47 taking the bulk of the wickets.

In reply the hosts slipped from 139-2 to 166 all out with Chris Brownlow top scoring with 62, whilst Greg Beaver topped off a fine day by taking 5-13 with the ball and Handi took 3-62.

Ainsdale remain rooted to the foot of the table after suffering an eight wicket home defeat by Lytham.

Faiz Fazal continued his run scoring spree with his third century of the campaign (113) and Mark Lucas hit 28 as the hosts declared after 55 overs on 220-8, with Daniel Edwards taking 3-59.

In reply, an unbeaten century (136*) from opener Taylor Cornall and an undefeated 45 from Michael Guptill-Bunce took the visitors to victory on 223-2 inside 40 overs.

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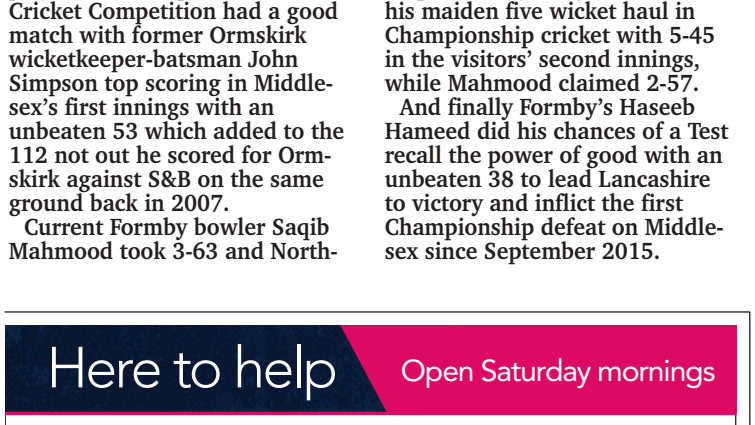

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Skelmersdale cruise to win at Hightown but Burscough continue to struggle

SKELMERSDALE cruised to a nine wicket victory in the First Division at struggling Hightown St Mary's.

The home side batted first and wicketkeeper-batsman Matty White cracked a century (102) for Hightown and Muhammad Zeb 29 as the hosts declared after 55 overs on 193-9, with Jack Maddocks taking 3-20.

The total proved to be no problem for Skelmersdale as in reply, Ben Maddocks scored 46, Saurabh Ambre (76*) and Jordan Maddocks (62*) to lead them to victory on 197-1.Burscough continue to struggle after an eight wicket home defeat to Birkenhead Park.

Choosing to bat first, Burscough's Michael Bimpson (38*) and skipper Jon Stone (25) top scored as they were dismissed for 150.

Naeem Islam 4-42 and Khalid Wahbi 3-16 had taken the bulk of the wickets.

In reply, Islam hit an unbeaten 72 and Dan Jordan made 65 as the visitors eased to victory on 154-2.

Sixth placed Fleetwood Hesketh drew at home to Prestatyn, with skipper Tommy Wareing leading from the front for the hosts with an unbeaten 43 and Ryan Thomas hit 24 as Fleetwood declared after 55 overs on 178-9, with Danny Pryde taking 4-35.

In reply, the visitors recovered from 97-7 to hold on for the draw on 150-7, thanks to two unbeaten knocks from Nathan Jones (13*) and Kieron New (35*), whilst Jack Wrigglesworth took 3-62.

Build-up to title fight is all going well for Brogan

SKELMERSDALE boxer Steve 'Serious' Brogan says everything is "going to plan" as he continues the build-up to his tilt at the English lightweight title on Saturday, July 1.

The 33-year-old is set to face Yorkshireman Lee Appleyard for the vacant crown, just 10 miles down the road from the Rotherham fighter's home at the Doncaster Dome.

Brogan is undefeated since turning pro, with 10 wins and two draws from his 12 fights to date.

Meanwhile 29-year-old Appleyard also has 10 wins to his name - three inside the distance - from 13 bouts.

Appleyard's last contest was an unsuccessful bid for the vacant Commonwealth title against Sean Dodd at the Echo Arena in April where he was on the wrong end of a unanimous points verdict.

That championship experience and fighting on 'home turf' might make him favourite, but Steve Brogan is confident he can get the job done.

He told the Champion: "Everything is going to plan and I'm training hard.

"Thanks to the support from my sponsors - DTP Rail, Fabric Place, Liverpool, Sterling Motors, SCC Camper Conversions and Caliper Engineering - I've been able to go full-time at the gym and I'm really feeling the benefit."

For details about tickets for the fight go to Facebook and search for @steseriousbrogan.

Skelmersdale boxer Steve Brogan who will be fighting for the English lightweight title at Doncaster on July 1

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